



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR LARSON STATEMENT ON TRANSIT FUNDING

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Chris Larson issued the following statement in response to the \$91.5 million in federal funds that are now available for transportation projects in Milwaukee:

“The work by Senator Herb Kohl, Representative David Obey and Representative Gwen Moore to break this funding log-jam is greatly appreciated. This is a major milestone for transportation progress in Milwaukee County. The next step is securing a dedicated sales tax for transit to build off this victory at the federal level. Milwaukee County has numerous long-term capital needs that must be addressed. Freeing up these dormant funds will help modernize the system and, hopefully, encourage more residents to use mass transit.

“While I am not in complete agreement with the portion of the funds allocated to the City of Milwaukee, it is reassuring that we have finally been able to move beyond this 17-year impasse and start to look at the bigger picture. Milwaukee County residents have been sharply critical of this divide, and I am pleased that we can finally move forward on their behalf. I look forward to playing a role in determining how these funds are used in Milwaukee County.”

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